(b) *For Dealers at up-country locations (other than depot towns):*

An additional amount of Rs. 40/KL for MS and Rs. 16/KL for HSD towards cost of demand draft/banking charges.

(c) *Future Revisions*

Industry to be authorised to carry out revision in dealer commission rates on account of (1) Operation Cost & (2) Cost of finance and stock loss as per formula given by the Committee.

3. The entire dealer commission for depot towns as well as up country locations including DD charges, to be built in the selling price for respective locations.

4. Considering the appreciation in real estate prices and increased investment for upgradation increase in Licence fee recovery rates have been recommended.

5. *Addition of HSD to lone MS Retail Outlets:*

   Addition of HSD to lone MS outlets would be permitted to individual oil companies based on commercial consideration which will lead to improvement in viability of existing lone MS Retail Outlets.

6. *Customer Service:*

   Dealers to provide minimum basic facilities and services in respect of correct quality and quantity, free air and water, trained staff in uniforms, first-aid facility and clean toilets etc. The dealer to also ensure payment of minimum wages and all statutory benefits.

7. *Revision in Marketing Descipline Guidelines*

   The Committee . recommends suitable revisions in the Marketing Discipline Guidelines to ensure deterrent action in case of default.

**R&D Equipment Imported by IOC**

426. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details (including value) of (R&D) equipment imported by IOC during last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that no customs duty is being paid by IOC on these equipments; and

(c) which of the equipments imported in last three years have not been put into regular use and the value thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) During the last three years i.e. 95 96, 96-97 and 97-98, IOC imported 197 items of R&D capital equipments, worth about Rs. 25 crores.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) All the equipments have been put into regular use.

**Petrol Pumps on the National Highways of Gujarat**

427. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of petrol pumps functioning on the National Highways as well as State Highways in the State of Gujarat, the criteria for opening and their allotment;

(b) whether these are sufficient to cater to the needs of consumers; and

(c) if not, whether Government are considering for opening additional petrol pumps?